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PRODUCTS INDEX
DOWN 5 POINTS**

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The January All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 5 points from December.

The Crops index for January was unchanged from December. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for January averaged \$5.31 per bushel, a decrease of 34 cents from the December price. Corn was up 6 cents from December to a January price of \$1.78 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was down 6 points from last month. The all hog price for January was \$42.50 per cwt., a decrease of \$2.20 from the December price. The all beef cattle price for January was \$83.40, an increase of \$1.30 from the December price.

The Dairy Products index was down 2 points from last month. The all milk price for January, at \$14.90 per cwt., was down 20 cents from December.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	-----Minnesota-----		
	Jan 2006 1/	Jan 2005 2/	Dec 2005 2/	Jan 2006 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.41	2.56	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	17.50	27.80	19.00	3/
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	1.96	1.94	1.72	1.78
Hay, All, Baled, ton	91.20	73.00	70.00	68.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	95.60	79.00	75.00	74.00
Other, Baled, ton	79.30	56.00	51.00	51.00
Oats, bu	1.67	1.45	1.50	1.52
Potatoes, cwt	7.00	5.75	6.40	6.05
Soybeans, bu	5.51	5.53	5.65	5.31
Sunflowers, All, cwt	11.30	16.30	16.00	15.60
Wheat, All, bu	3.48	3.35	3.64	3.61
Calves, cwt	137.00	118.00	133.00	140.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	94.40	78.30	82.10	83.40
Cows, cwt, 6/	46.50	52.10	50.90	49.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt	101.00	84.80	89.00	91.00
Milk Cows, head 7/	1,840.00	1,530.00	---	1,790.00
Hogs, All, cwt	41.60	53.00	44.70	42.50
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	41.90	53.00	44.70	42.50
Sows, cwt	35.70	46.50	37.60	35.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	109.00	90.00	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	45.00	44.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	14.50	15.80	15.10	14.90
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.44	0.36	0.46	0.41

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms 4/ Price not set at the US level 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977=100)

Commodities	U.S.*	-----Minnesota-----		
	Jan 2006 1/	Jan 2005 2/	Dec 2005 2/	Jan 2006 1/
All Farm Products	112	136	133	128
Crops	107	108	104	104
Meat Animals	121	170	158	152
Dairy Products	111	179	171	169
Poultry & Eggs	113	110	156	117

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

*1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

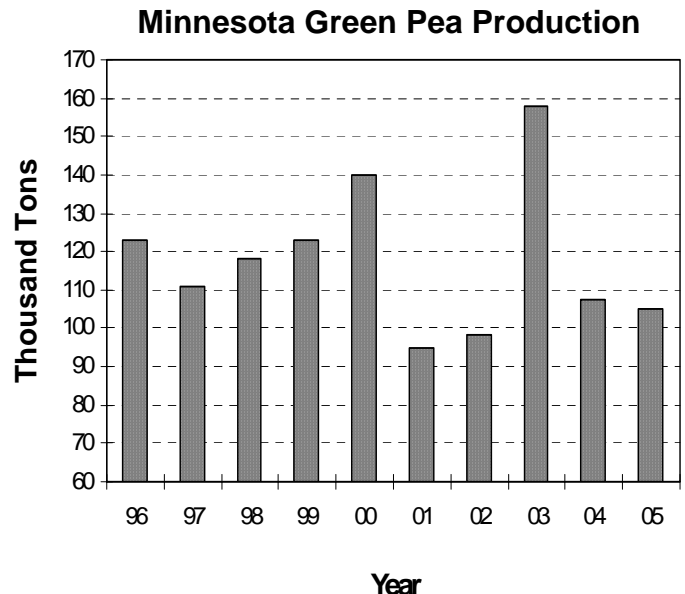
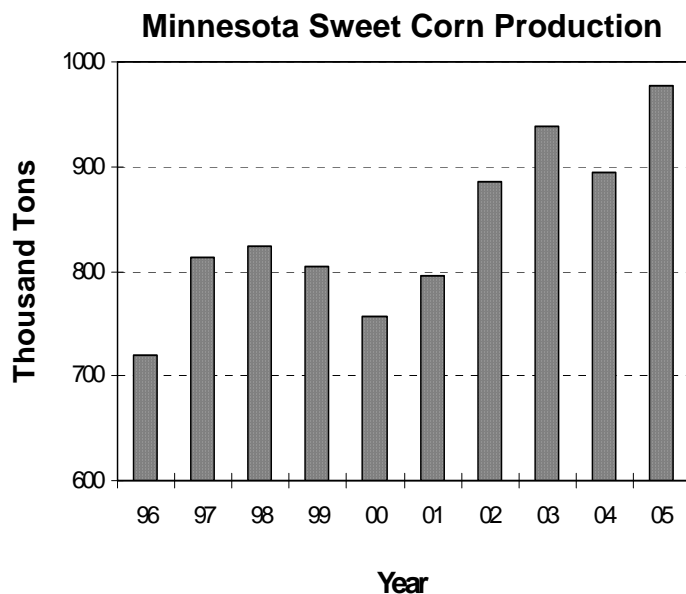
Item	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
Prices Received	111	111	115	112
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	134	137	143	145
Parity Ratio 1/	83	81	80	77

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

CORN, GREEN PEA, AND CARROT PRODUCTION IN 2005

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota 2005 production was estimated at 977,090 tons, an increase of 82,500 tons from 2004. The average yield of 7.16 tons per acre was a 0.55 ton per acre increase from 2004. Planted acreage was estimated at 143,600 acres compared to 138,000 acres in 2004. Harvested acreage of 136,400 acres was 1,000 acres more than the previous year. Average value per ton was \$71.60 compared to \$72.50 in 2004. ^{1/}

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota 2005 production was estimated at 105,100 tons, a decrease of 2,250 tons from 2004. The average yield of 1.38 tons per acre was 0.11 ton per acre below the previous year's yield. Planted acreage in 2004 was estimated at 77,200 acres, which was 1,500 acres more than the previous year. Harvested acreage increased to 76,200 acres, compared with 72,100 acres in 2004. Average value per ton was \$384.00, a \$99.00 per ton increase from 2004. ^{1/}



CARROTS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota 2005 production was estimated at 27,220 tons, an increase of 24,210 tons from last year's flood-damaged crop. The average yield of 35.35 tons per acre was a 16.54 ton per acre increase from 2004. Planted acreage was estimated at 860 acres, which was 60 acres more than in 2004. Harvested acreage, at 770 acres, was 610 acres more than in 2004. Average value per ton was \$78.10, which was up \$22.60 per ton from 2004. ^{1/}

^{1/} Value includes price received by the producer plus expenses incurred by the processor to get the commodity to the processing plant door.

MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT, U.S. INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,350,000 head on January 1, 2006, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory. The U.S. inventory at 97.1 million head was up 2 percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 835,000 head on January 1, 2006, 2 percent below last year. Beef cows in the state, at 390,000 head, were down 1 percent and milk cows, at 445,000 head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 42.3 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 33.3 million head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005 and milk cows, at 9.06 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2006 as % of 2005	(Thousands)		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,350	98	95,438	97,102	102
All Cows	855	835	98	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	395	390	99	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	460	445	97	9,005	9,058	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	555	530	95	19,573	19,978	102
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	95	100	5,691	5,905	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,496	3,574	102
Milk Replacement Heifers	270	265	98	4,118	4,278	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,815	2,890	103
Other Heifers	190	170	89	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	440	450	102	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	40	35	88	2,219	2,263	102
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	510	500	98	15,250	15,626	102
Cattle & Calves on Feed	290	290	100	13,745	14,132	103
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Calf Crop	820	800	98	37,505	37,780	101

MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP 7 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2006 sheep and lamb inventory was up 7 percent from last year to 155,000 head. Breeding stock numbers were up 10 percent at 110,000. The remaining inventory of 45,000 market lambs and sheep was unchanged from last year. Of the 45,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 44,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 11,000; 65-84 pounds: 9,000; 85-105 pounds: 14,000; over 105 pounds: 10,000.

Minnesota's 2005 lamb crop totaled 140,000 head, up 4 percent from the previous year. The 2005 lambing rate was 175 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2006, compared with 169 per 100 ewes in 2005.

MINNESOTA WOOL PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT FROM 2004

Minnesota's 2005 wool output increased 7 percent with production totaling 970,000 pounds compared with 910,000 pounds in 2004. Minnesota is ranked 12th in 2005 U.S. wool production. The 150,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2005 were up 7 percent from 2004. Fleece weight averaged 6.5 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. Value of the state's 2005 wool production was \$369,000, up 9 percent from the previous year's value of \$337,000. Average price per pound for 2005 was 38 cents, up 1 cent from the 2004 price.

DECEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP SLIGHTLY IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 258 million eggs during December 2005 versus 250 million in December 2004. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.79 billion eggs in December, up 1 percent from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - DECEMBER

		<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Total Eggs Produced	MN	250 Mil.	258 Mil.
	U.S.	7,728 Mil.	7,791 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.1 Mil.	11.1 Mil.
	U.S.	345.9 Mil.	348.3 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,252	2,317
	U.S.	2,234	2,237
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (December)			
Egg-Type	MN	0.8 Mil.	1.1 Mil.
	U.S.	37.3 Mil.	36.2 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	793.1 Mil.	807.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	<u>2005</u> 6.9 Mil.	<u>2006</u> 8.3 Mil.
	U.S.	34.5 Mil.	35.5 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	22.8 Mil.	23.0 Mil.
	U.S.	650.7 Mil.	660.6 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (December)			
	WNC*	<u>2004</u> 8.7 Mil.	<u>2005</u> 9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	22.2 Mil.	23.7 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
	WNC*	<u>2005</u> 10.6 Mil.	<u>2006</u> 11.4 Mil.
	U.S.	28.0 Mil.	29.6 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2006 meat and other goat inventory, at 10,000, was up 6 percent from the revised January 1, 2005 figure. The milk goat inventory, at 6,000, was up 3 percent from the revised 2005 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000, was unchanged from last year.

U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006, meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head, while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

Mohair production in the United States during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 273,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$2.78 per pound, with a value of 5.1 million dollars.

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